



Hello!

We know you are considering adoption and we respect your decision which means you love your child so much you are putting your child's needs above your own. Daniel and I from the bottom of our hearts thank you for making this decision and thank you for considering us to be their parents. For this we are eternally grateful. God has made it clear to us that He is calling us to step out in faith and grow our family through the blessing of adoption. We look forward to the opportunity to love this little one.

Thank you kindly,  
Daniel and Ashley

# Daniel and Ashley

## *Our Story*

We met at the local grocery store in 2010; where we worked side-by-side through college. Both attending the same university, we would meet up after classes and sit in the student center and talk for hours. After getting to know one another our friendship flourished, we realized that we had many things in common sharing the same values and hobbies such as traveling, being outdoors on the hike/bike trails and baking. In the spring of 2013 Daniel proposed on Easter in front of my family. We married the following summer and have been together ever since. Infertility has been with me my whole life. I was born with one kidney and half of a uterus. Having children would be an option but high risk pregnancy for the baby and me. I knew when I was a young girl that the struggle of having children would be difficult, but with the love and support from Daniel, we are excited at the possibility of adding a blessing to our family. Family is very important to both of us; as we both come from strong and supportive families.





## ***Our Home***

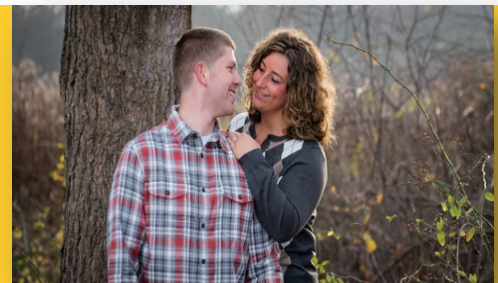
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The city we live in is ranked #12 in Best Places to Raise a Family in the county. We live in a beautifully maintained raised ranch 3-bedroom home. We love the private parklike setting and landscaped yard. We are surrounded by numerous parks/trails in our community. Our school district is currently building a brand new Kindergarten-8th grade campus with an additional athletic sports complex that will be completed and planned to open for the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

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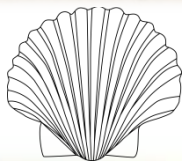
## ***Our Faith***

Our Christian faith is the foundation of our family and marriage. By putting God first, our children will grow, learn and love others as God loves us. We are blessed to have found a loving church in our community that we enjoy being involved in. We both enjoy serving in our church; Ashley being a Sunday school teacher for the preschool classroom and Daniel being part of the property board.





## Outer Banks, North Carolina



## About Daniel

Daniel is my very best friend; God brought him into my life for a reason and I am so thankful that he has. Dan has made me laugh, wiped my tears, hugged me tight, watch me succeed and seen me fail. Daniel has kept me strong, he is my rock. Each day I catch myself smiling for no reason, and then I realize that I'm thinking about him. I can remember the first day we met when I started at the local grocery store. I was in produce and he was in grocery. We eventually started worked side-by-side in the frozen department. I would have never imagined getting one of our wedding photos in front of the store where it all started.

Daniel is a simple man, kind; family focused and caring. He is passionate about golf; he plays in a weekly golf league, and is an avid sports fan. Dan enjoys traveling as much as I do seeing new places together like Mackinac Island, Niagara Falls, and New York City. We enjoy taking the dogs out for walks on the trails and in the neighborhood; he enjoys watching the sun set in our backyard while we have bonfires. I know he will make a great father, because I see how he is with our niece and nephews.



## About Ashley

Ashley has a loving and infectious personality, and a caring heart that touches all those she gets to know. She loves life, and values friends and family very much. We've grown so much together, in good times and in tough times. Early in our relationship I saw what she loved and valued most, and that was family. One of the first dates we had together was family night at her parents' house.

My favorite vacation I ever took was our honeymoon to the Outer Banks, NC. It has been a family tradition of Ashley's to go to the beach every year. A trip that I got to see just how special all the memories were to her, as well as the loved ones she got to share them with. We'd love to create these memories with our child as well, and love them unconditionally.

Ashley enjoys doing crafts, decorating, traveling and making Christmas cookies every year with her mom and sister for the Christmas season. Ashley has changed my life so much, she's my best friend. With her caring heart and selfless nature I know that Ashley would be a loving mother.



# Our Family

All because two people fell in love...



*Bear and Betsy*



Bear (12) and Betsy (1) are Jack Russell-Pug mixes. They love to go on long walks, play fetch and wrestle with one another. We took them to the beach for the first time this spring and they loved it!



*Snappy*



Snappy (25) is a Western Painted Turtle, I've had him since I was a little girl, and he was my first pet. He loves to bask in the sun, swim in the water and loves his shell rubbed.



## About our Family/Traditions

Just as we stated at the beginning, family is important to us. We're both the youngest children on both sides. Ashley's parents were high school sweethearts and Dan's parents grew up in the church together. Dan has an older brother, and Ashley has an older brother and sister. Both of our families are from Ohio. We enjoy spending time with both sides of the family, including going to Dan's family lake house to celebrate the fourth of July watching the fireworks and taking the boat out onto the lake. We enjoy going to Ashley parent's country home to celebrate family birthdays and holiday gatherings. Every other Saturday we have family night at Ashley's parents' house, we eat, play board games, head outdoors and sit by the fire and roast marshmallows. Every year all the women on Ashley's side get together for an entire weekend and bake her grandmother's recipe cookies from scratch for the holiday season. We have family traditions that we vacation to the Outer Banks every year and go down and see the Christmas lights at Oglebay. We enjoy spending time with our niece, and three nephews. Taking them to the parks, and watching them pursue and grow in sports. We truly believe that in all we do; being with loved ones to share in the memories is what life is all about.